



KAIMAI SCHOOL

Bus Transportation Entitlement

Purpose:

To provide the school's community with procedures to follow in regards to bus transportation to school.

Procedures:

A. Transport Entitlement Zone:

A Transport Entitlement Zone (TEZ) is the area in which a student can access their Ministry-funded transport entitlement to a school. A TEZ is used to determine a student's nearest appropriate school and Ministry funded school buses running in the Transport Entitlement Zone of the school being serviced by the route. As TEZs are a zone centred on a school and based on the halfway points between schools they also establish the nearest school for a student.

The main function of TEZs is to establish the nearest school for a student and to assist in the design of efficient bus routes. TEZs also play a role in Directly Resourced (DR) school transport by designating the area in which a DR school or network can operate its own bus routes unless that school has the permission of another to pick up students in its TEZ (as outlined by the Ministry of Education).

Kaimai School does not give permission for students within it's TEZ to be transported out of the TEZ to attend another school. Exceptional circumstances will be considered.

Exceptional Circumstances:

Should a student inside Kaimai School's TEZ want to use a DR transport bus route, the Kaimai School Board of Trustees must receive a written request from the family to do so. The BOT will consider the follow exceptional circumstances if they should grant the request;

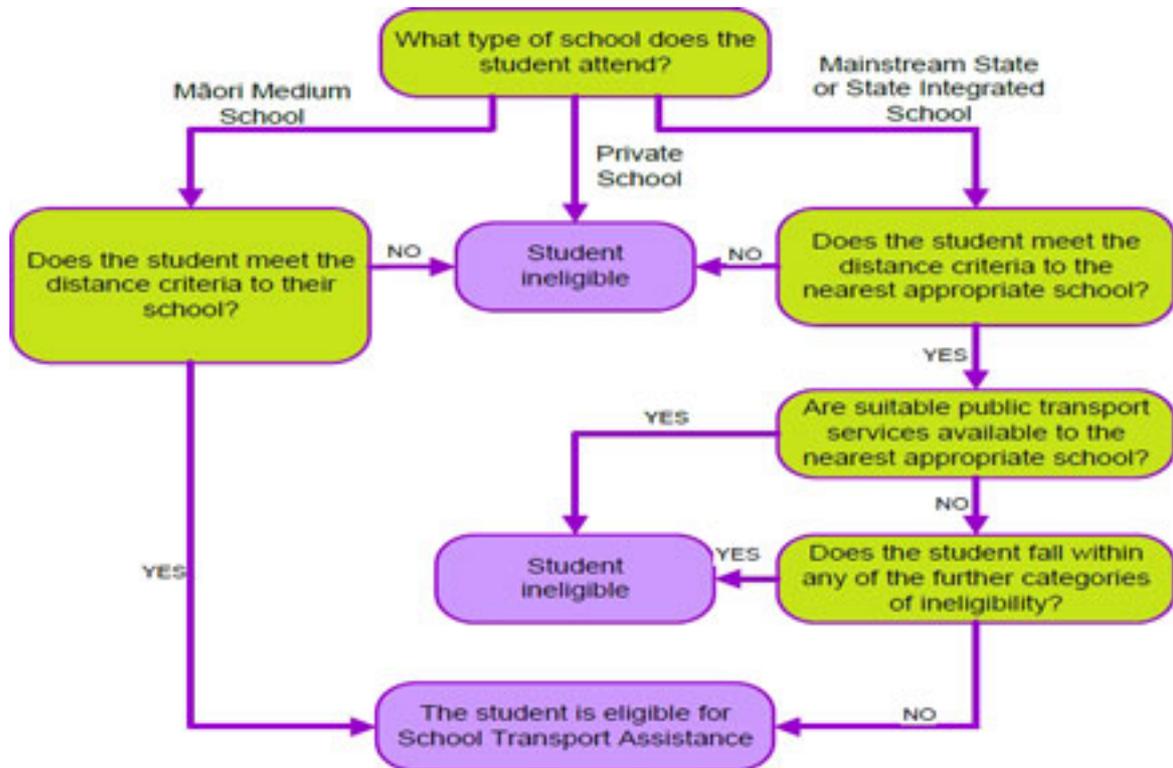
1. Special Education and/or Needs. A neighbouring school may be able to provide specialist education for a student that requires Special Education support or is in a specialist class (i.e. a bilingual classroom).

B. School Transport Assistance:

Parents and caregivers are ultimately responsible for getting their children to and from school each day. However, the Ministry of Education acknowledges that some parents and caregivers face issues of distance and lack of public transport. For this reason, the

Ministry offers School Transport Assistance (a school bus place and/or an allowance to help these parents and caregivers get their children to and from school). Types and amounts of assistance can vary from situation to situation and a door-to-door school bus service may not always be offered.

To be eligible for School Transport Assistance, students must meet the eligibility criteria, as outline by the Ministry of Education, as illustrated in the flowchart below.



Signed: _____ (Principal) Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Chair) Date: _____